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Idaho Winter Wheat Seedings Down 3 Percent

Idaho's winter wheat seeded area for the 2013 crop is estimated at 760,000 acres, down 3 percent from the 780,000 acres seeded for the 2012 crop and 7 percent below the 820,000 acres seeded for 2011, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Nationally, winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2013 is estimated at 41.8 million acres, up 1 percent from 2012 and 3 percent above 2011. Seeding began last August but by the middle of September was behind the 5-year average as producers waited for improved soil moisture levels. However, by the end of October, seeding had progressed ahead of last year and the 5-year average. More acres were seeded this year due to the early row crop harvest and higher prices.